GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT MAJOR AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new companies have been allowed by the Government of India for airport ground handling services at major international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move is likely to hit the revenues of Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to keep up the revenue of Air-India and Indian Airlines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) :- Subsequent to the notification of the new Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000, Airports Authority of India have initiated the process of selection of companies for providing ground handling services in a competitive and efficient manner at international airports located at Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Goa. The contracts for ground handling services at airports will be finalized keeping in view all the requirements/ conditionalities, and awarded to the selected parties after obtaining due clearances. According to the new Regulations, Air India and Indian Airlines are permitted to undertake ground handling services as is the situation now. However they will have to compete with other agencies and boost their revenues by providing competitive services to the airlines.